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INCREASE IN CASES OF TYPHOID JAUNDICE DIARRHOEA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that there is sharp increase in cases of typhoid, Jaundice and Diarrhoea in the NCR towns near capital;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government propose to send central teams to the NCR towns to assess the number of persons affected due to these ailments;

(c) if so, whether the spread of these diseases have affected on the health of citizens residing in the capital; and

(d) if so, the details of the action plan formulated to control such diseases?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b) Typhoid, Jaundice, Diarrhoea and other water borne diseases show seasonal variations in their prevalence pattern.

A team from NICD, Delhi has visited some areas of NCR towns near the capital, namely, Vijay Nagar, Govindpuri and Raj Nagar of Ghaziabad district and assessed the incidence of water borne diseases on 09 June 2000. The investigation team concluded that while there was no out- break of Jaundice in Block `F` Govindpuri as reported by the Press, there was an out -break of Jaundice in late April-early May in Sector 23 of Rajnagar and same sporadic cases of Diarrhea in Vijay Nagar area of District Ghaziabad.

(c) There is no report of increased incidence of Typhoid, Jaundice & Gastro-enteritis cases in Delhi this year.

(d) The steps taken by the local bodies/State health authorities to control such diseases inter-alia are:-

1. Lifting of water samples for testing.
2. Affected areas are under surveillance.
3. Distribution of Chlorine Tablets.
4. Distribution of ORS packets.
5. Imparting of Health Education to the community through Handbills, posters, group discussion, Media etc.
6. Mobile clinics to treat the poor in under served areas.